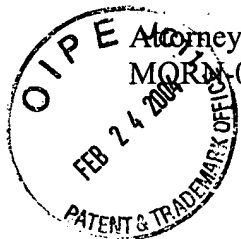


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Responsive to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated February 9, 2004, and having a shortened statutory period for response expiring March 9, 2004, please accept the following resubmission of the entire "Amendments to the claims" section of Applicants' Amendment filed on January 26, 2004: